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PROTECTIVE LAYERS ON  
SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE  
COMPONENTS SO AS TO REDUCE OR  
ELIMINATE THE OCCURENCE OF  
DELAMINATION THEREOF AND  
CRACKING THEREIN

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US - 5,977,641	11/2/1999	Takahashi et al.
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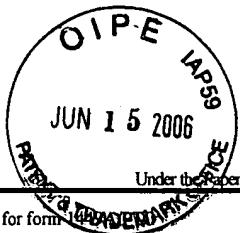

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